

Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES



Mayor's Corner

These past two months have been very busy for Schiller Park and its residents. There have been numerous opportunities to gather for enjoyment and to support good causes. In addition to the regularly scheduled blood drives coordinated by our Health Board, a very important blood drive was held on Saturday, September 9, in honor of Childhood Cancer

Awareness Month. Cy Petrosino, a fourth grader at Washington School, hosted his second annual blood drive calling attention to the dire need for blood donations, especially for children battling cancer. For more information about this amazing young man, visit his page on Facebook, Super Cy's Super Battle to Defeat Medulloblastoma. A special thanks to all who participated.

There was a record turnout for the National Night Out thanks to the efforts of the Schiller Park Police Department and our first responders. Also, many of you enjoyed the first ever Family Picnic and Pierogi Fest held Saturday, August 26th at the Metra Station on Ruby Street. This Village sponsored event, in collaboration with Gift From the Heart, combined delicious food, live music and lots of entertainment for our children. We are grateful to the many elected officials from the surrounding area, and our residents and staff that attended and supported this special event. Most importantly, a portion of the proceeds benefitted the good works of our local charitable organization. Additionally, many of our residents returned to the same venue on Sunday, August 27, to enjoy the Village's 9th Annual Car Show and Family Fun Day. They were surrounded by amazing vintage and classic cars, music, children's activities and rides. A number of local restaurants were on hand with their delicious specialties. Once again, this family-friendly event provided something for everyone! As always, our summer concert series and Movies in the Park (and at the Pool) continued to supply great outdoor entertainment during the summer months.



Mayor Caiafa & Representative Michael McAuliffe
at Senior Driving Seminar - July 2017



Senior Driving Seminar

In our last update I promised to keep you informed of our progress as we continue our mission to improve and expand services for our residents and businesses. We have made significant gains in the area of Community Development and the services under its direction. One major goal was to have a qualified, in-house building inspector. Previously, many inspectional services were done by a third-party provider. We have recently hired John Komorowski, CBO (Certified Building Official) on a full-time basis. John's extensive professional background in numerous areas of inspectional services and 14 years of experience make him an ideal choice for our village. We are currently reviewing permit costs to make them more affordable for our residents, in fact most plumbing permits have already been lowered. We hope this will enable and encourage homeowners to improve their properties, a good investment for them personally and for the Village at large.

Another goal of this administration is to expand services and activities for our senior population. In order to accomplish this, we are asking for your help. We need to establish a database of the seniors who live in our town. If you are 62 or older and would like more information on this topic please call 847-671-8593 to register your name and address so we have you on file. More information will be forthcoming in future newsletters. In that regard, Representative Michael McAuliffe and the Village sponsored a senior driving seminar in July at the Community Center.

The Village Board and I continue to work on your behalf. We are always interested in your ideas and opinions. Our door is always open.

Nick Caiafa

Village President

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Police Chief's Corner



D.A.R.E.

Now that school is back in session, please be patient and exercise extreme caution when driving around our schools.

This school year will be Schiller Park Police Department's 26th year of teaching D.A.R.E. to 5th graders. Detective Rogelio Orozco will be our newest D.A.R.E. Officer, running in the program that provides cutting edge instruction that helps prevent drug use by developing core skills needed for safe and responsible choices; skills that extend well beyond drugs to healthy and mature choices in life.

Children are taught to control their impulses and think about risks and consequences resulting in more responsible choices. D.A.R.E.'s philosophy is that if you can teach youth to make safe and responsible decisions, it will guide them to healthy choices, not only about drugs, but across all facets of their lives. As they grow to be responsible citizens, they will lead healthier and more productive, drug-free lives.

Municipal Consolidated Dispatch

As of this summer, the State of Illinois mandated Communications Centers that serve a population of less than 25,000 people to consolidate. Therefore, the Schiller Park Police and Fire Departments joined forces with Norridge and Harwood Heights in order to reach that mandated threshold. What this means to Schiller Park residents, businesses, and visitors is that emergency calls will be routed to a joint Communication/Dispatch hub located in the Harwood Heights Police Department. The 9-1-1 calls will be answered by Telecommunicators and dispatched over the radio to the corresponding Police and Fire Departments. The newly formed Municipal Consolidated Dispatch (MCD) Center will not affect your Police and Fire response times!

Because of this, the walk-up window in the Schiller Park Police lobby will no longer be manned twenty-four hours a day. During the periods the window is unmanned, a call button will be available, that when pushed, will put you in contact with someone at the Dispatch Center who will assist you with your needs. If a Police Officer or Paramedic is needed, one will be dispatched promptly to your location. The Police lobby will also be monitored by camera.

OfferUp

The Schiller Park Police Department is happy to announce the implementation of a new public safety initiative, the "Internet Purchase Exchange Location," in which the Police lobby can now be used as a "Meetup Spot" for buyers and sellers to safely complete transactions through online marketplaces like OfferUp, Craigslist, and eBay.

This initiative began as a partnership with OfferUp, which generously donated a Meetup Spot display sign for our Police lobby which is accessible, well-lit, and under video surveillance 24/7.

The Schiller Park Police Department invites area residents to utilize this designated location to conduct their sales transactions on an as-needed basis. You do not have to make an appointment; just simply show up.

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Halloween Howl



Come join us for an afternoon of fun at our Annual Halloween Howl! The event will be held at Lincoln Middle School on Saturday, October 28th, from 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. There will be Games, Inflatables, a Magician, Hay Rides and Pony Rides (weather permitting). Children ages toddler to 10 will also receive a goody bag.

Fire Department News



New Air Exhaust System and Grant

The Schiller Park Fire Department applied for Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for an air exhaust system for the firehouse apparatus floor. These systems are designed to be attached to fire apparatus while in the firehouse. When a vehicle is started, the exhaust is removed through a hose and fan system to the outside of the building. This prevents the emissions from exhaust to remain in the firehouse and the living quarters. This system will replace a previous system called "No Smoke" which was permanently attached to the vehicles. The Federal Grant for approximately \$75,000 covers the majority of the cost of the new hose system. We are currently looking at three vendors to see which vendor best meets our needs. The system should be in place by December.

New Fire Truck



The Schiller Park Fire Department recently took possession of a new ladder truck. Our new fire truck is a 2017 E-One 100 foot Metro aerial ladder. This truck replaces a 2000 Pierce tower ladder. Some of the significant differences include our new truck does not have a "basket" at the end, can be set up on all our streets, is smaller (yet still a 100 foot ladder) and can carry all our rescue equipment. Our new truck was designed by our firefighters to meet the needs of Schiller Park. After evaluating the town and our responses, this design best fit. In comparison, a new Tower Ladder would cost approximately \$1.3 million while we were able to spend under \$800,000 for this vehicle. We anticipate that this new ladder truck will serve us until at least 2030.

Fire Prevention Month

October is Fire Prevention Month. The theme for this year from the National Fire Protection Association is "Every Second Counts, Know Two Ways Out". Schiller Park firefighters will be in our schools during October reaching out to the school children with these messages. The most recent statistics show that over 3,200 Americans lost their lives to fire in the past year at over 1,000,000 fires in the United States. These fires caused 16,000 injuries and over \$1.6 billion in property damage. One of the best forms of fire insurance is your smoke alarm. Please take the time to test it monthly and replace the battery if it has one. A good time to replace batteries is every time we change our clocks to change our batteries, and remember "Every Second Counts, Know Two Ways Out."

Open House Scheduled!

Come join us for the annual Open House at the Schiller Park Fire Department! As part of our yearly event to celebrate Fire Prevention Week, we will be hosting several vendors and have plenty of activities! Come learn on how to keep you families safe, enjoy some food and have some fun! Don't miss out on seeing Sparky the Fire Dog either! The great event is **Saturday, October 14th from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM**. We look forward to seeing you all there!



New Developments:

iCombat Extreme, LLC (5050 N River Rd): Now entering its fourth month in Schiller Park since opening in May, iCombat offers recreational and competitive laser tag for ages thirteen and up. Featuring authentic-looking weapons and unique settings such as a recreation of the infamous Alcatraz prison, iCombat ensures a thrilling, objective-based laser tag experience for individuals, groups, private lockout sessions, corporate events, and birthday parties. Open Thursdays through Sundays. For more information, call (855) 454-4426 or visit chicagowest.icombat.com.



iCombat

Short Fuse Brewing (5000 N River Rd): Does an alcoholic beverage named "Pull the Pin Pale Ale" sound intriguing to you? If so, Short Fuse Brewing is the place to try it! Now entering its third month in Schiller Park since opening in June, Short Fuse Brewing specializes in "explosive," quality craft beer with fourteen additional, exclusive alcoholic beverages.



Shortfuse Brewery

Offering their "Bomb Squad" membership that comes with discounts, Short Fuse Brewing also gives tours of its own production brewery and taproom kitchen every weekend. The brewery is open Tuesdays through Sundays with trivia every Tuesday night and music every Thursday night. For more information,

call (847) 260-5044 or visit shortfusebrewing.com.

Bridge Development's Bridge Point Schiller Park (9555, 9655 W Soreng Ave): Now located at the former Hostess site, commercial real estate agency Bridge Development has completed two brand new facilities ready for logistics, distribution, and storage. Named Bridge Point Schiller Park, the two facilities, measuring at a combined 157,525 square feet with a land size of 9.91 acres, are ideal for businesses that utilize O'Hare due to its close vicinity to the airport. For interested parties, call (312) 683-7230.



Bridge Development

Pending Developments:



Old Car Wash

The former car wash at 4802 N River Rd (NW Corner of River Road and Lawrence Avenue) is currently being considered for a redevelopment project that would involve building a new car wash facility. This project is currently pending Village review.

There are plans for the former BP gas station site located at 9201 W Irving Park Rd (SW Corner of Irving Park Road and River Road) to reopen as a gas station with an expanded convenience mart. This project is currently pending Village review.



Old BP Gas Station

Library Corner

Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month at the Schiller Park Public Library!

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If you are 5 years of age and can print your name, come in and get your first library card. But don't forget your legal guardian! Also, if you're 18 years or older all you will need to bring in are two pieces of identification that states your current name and Schiller Park address. If you are 8 years of age please bring your legal guardian and have them fill out our user agreement forms to allow you to use the Internet here at the library. Each new library card applicant will receive a small gift. Visit the library for more information. Please call (847) 678-0433 with any questions.

Earn a chance to win a weekly raffle prize just by checking out items!

Historical Society Archeology Hunt (Ages 3-17)

The Schiller Park Historical Commission and Schiller Park Public Library will present a step back in time for a fun self-guided archeology hunt for children and their families on Saturday, **September 16th** from 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Registration begins August 26th.





Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, September 21th and October 5th
and 19th and November 2nd 7:00 PM
Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom

Autumn Leaves Senior Club Meetings

Tuesdays, September 12th and 26th
and October 10th and 24th 1:00 PM
Community Center

Village Shred Event

Saturday, September 16th 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Behind Village Hall

Community Flu Shots

Friday, October 6th 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Community Center

Fire Department Open House

Saturday, October 14th 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Irving Park Firehouse

Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 17th 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Community Center

Halloween Howl

Saturday, October 28th 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Lincoln Middle School

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 5th 2:00 AM
Set Clocks Back – Change Smoke Detector Batteries

Street Sweeping

September 11-12 and September 25-26
(Monday – Even Addresses, Tuesday – Odd Addresses)
October 9-10 and October 23-24
(Mondays – Even Addresses, Tuesdays – Odd Addresses)

The Village welcomes your comments and suggestions.

Please email your comments to bbursiek@schillerparkil.us
or send them via regular mail to Schillergram Comments, Village of Schiller Park,
9526 W. Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, IL 60176.

If you would like a response to your comments please include your return address and phone number. All information will be kept confidential.

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Schiller Park Blood Drive Results

SCHILLER PARK BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Giving blood is a deposit into your “life saving” account. Your donation helps save lives!

On August 17, Schiller Park again hosted a blood drive in cooperation with LifeSource. 23 Units of blood were collected. 30 people participated, four of which were new donors. Seven donors were deferred. All donors received a reusable green tote bag with the LifeSource logo on it and everyone received an entry into a drawing.

James DeRose and Christine Powyszynski each won a bag of Fratelli Gourmet coffee, generously donated by Fratelli Coffee Company.

Louis Manis reached a milestone of donating 2 gallons of blood.

Blood drive volunteers provided popcorn, cookies and homemade treats for after donation snacks, and blood drive coordinator Kathy Manis provided Subway sandwiches and treats from Dunkin Donuts.

The next blood drive will be held on Tuesday, October 17 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Schiller Park Community Center, 4501 25th Avenue, Schiller Park.

Please consider donating. The life you save may be someone you know.



Schiller Park Health Board Say Boo to the Flu!

The flu is a highly contagious respiratory illness that infects the nose, throat and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness and even death. Signs and symptoms of the flu can be some or all of these: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle and body aches, headache, fatigue, vomiting and diarrhea.

Flu spread by droplets from coughing, sneezing or even talking! It can even be spread by touching a surface or object that has the flu virus on it, then touching your mouth, eyes or nose. That is why it is important to continually wash your hands.

Complications from the flu can include bacterial pneumonia, sinus or ear infection and even death.

Your best prevention is getting your yearly flu vaccine!

This year flu shots are offered by Mariano’s and will be held on Friday, **October 6th from 9 am to 12 noon at the Schiller Park Community Center, 4501 N. 25th Avenue.** For those with Medicare part B your flu shot is free and for those without insurance the cost will be \$18.00. With every flu shot given, Mariano’s will donate a meal to the local community through Feeding America and each participant will receive a \$5.00 coupon towards a purchase at Mariano’s. Help us build a healthier community and beat hunger!